

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-42, 59-98, and 114-129 are pending in the application, and claims 1, 13, 14, 18, 22, 31, 36, 59, 71, 72, 76, 80, 87, 92, 114, 120, 127, and 128 being independent. Claims 43-58, 99-113, and 130-140 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 4, 13, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 62, 71, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 90, 91, 93, 95, 97, 117, 118, 121, 123, and 125, have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found in the original specification, as filed. No new matter has been added.

The drawings were objected to because Figs. 3A, 3B, 7B, 10A, 11A, and 13 allegedly lacked proper margins. According to Applicants' file those drawings have the correct margins. Nevertheless, attached hereto are replacement sheets for the relevant figures, with the proper margins. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that certain claims have been allowed. Some of the allowed claims have been amended to ensure the consistent use of a capital aleph (א - the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet) in place of a capital "N," and other minor corrections have been made to the claims. Applicants submit that the amendments do not affect the patentability of the inventions defined by those claims.

Claim 77 was objected to based on a typographical error. That error has been corrected.


Claim 118 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended that claim to address the Examiner's comment. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claims 133-136 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. That rejection is moot since those claims have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested..

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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